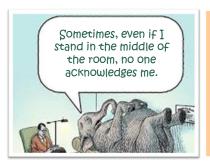
Equitable Identification of Gifted Students in the Era of BLM

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Equitable Identification of Gifted Students

CONCLUSIONS

- Tests typically used to identify gifted/talented students require too much language and information:
- language used in the directions (V, NV, Q)
- Verbal and math knowledge required in the questions (V & Q)
- Verbal expression to answer verbal questions(V)
- Students who come from low income families, are culturally different, or limited English skills are at disadvantage
- Many Hispanic and Black students are denied entry to gifted education and therefore they don't reach their potential
- ► BUT...WE CAN and **MUST** DO BETTER especially **NOW!**

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Ideas to Consider



Gifted Identification

Ability Tests' Content

New General Ability Tests

Identification Methods Vary

- Parent and Teacher recommendation
- High grades in school
- Universal testing
- National and local norms
- Rating scales of gifted behaviors
- Creativity measures
- A matrix of some of these methods
- High scores on intelligence tests (CogAT, WISC, Binet, etc) play a CENTRAL role in the selection process

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National Survey of Gifted Education Which of the following assessments does your district use to identify gifted students? Select oil that apply. These tests have verbal and quantitative questions These tests have verbal an

Obstacle to Equitable Identification

- Identification procedures
 - Gifted/Talented students are often identified with traditional IQ tests comprised of subtests like Vocabulary, Similarities, Arithmetic, Comprehension which demand knowledge
 - Using a test of ability that demands knowledge of English and understanding verbal directions is not reasonable
 - DOES A NONVERBAL TEST WORK?

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Devion

- Devion lived with his mother and father and two siblings in Springfield, Illinois
- The family has an annual income of \$12,000
- At home, Devion often reads or does word puzzles while his friends play outside.
- He is writing a book of several chapters using the family's 10-year-old computer, which was bought second-hand for \$100. It has a broken mouse. He said: "I'm the only one I know that writes stories. It's a special secret I keep."
- He scored 141 out of a possible 150 on the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test
- Devion's high Naglieri score brought him an invitation to attend the magnet school last year
- He was the only African-American at his elementary school to qualify for gifted services
- But his teacher did not think he should be in the gifted program



What happened to Devion?

Devion Graduates High School



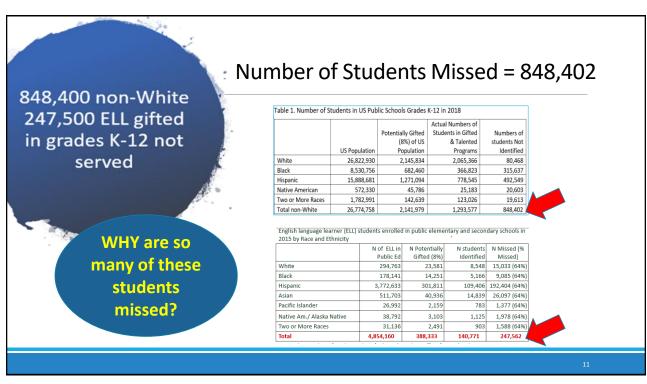


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- ➤ This presentation is about children who may not have the academic skills or command of the English language to do well in school, yet they are very smart gifted
- ➤ These children can become very **talented** given the opportunity to learn
- ➤ How many children like this are in our country?

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Ideas to Consider:

Who conceived the content of our IQ tests

"The hardest part of learning something new is not embracing new ideas, but letting go of old ones."

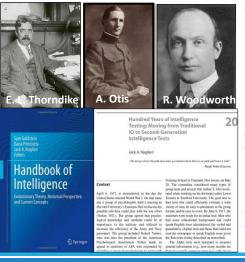
- Todd Rose, The End of Average

Gifted Identification

Ability Tests' Content – WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

New General Ability Tests

Army Mental Testing (Yoakum & Yerkes) http://www.jacknaglieri.com/cas2.html



- > A group of psychologists met at Harvard in April of 1917 to construct an ability test to help the US military evaluate recruits (WWI) for responsible positions
- Their goal was to develop a workable set of tests called the Army Alpha & Beta
- That became Verbal & Performance on WISC

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From Alpha & Beta to Wechsler IQ

Army Alpha Synonym- Antonym

- Disarranged Sentences
- **Number Series**
- Arithmetic Problems
- **Analogies**
- Information

Army Beta

- Maze
- Cube Imitation
- **Cube Construction**
- Digit Symbol
- **Pictorial Completion**
- Geometrical Construction

Verbal and Verbal & Quantitative on Quantitative WISC-V, CogAT & Otis-Lennon

Originally called Performance now Nonverbal

Wechsler Nonverbal, Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Tests

Our Tests Demand Knowledge

Stanford-Binet 5

- Verbal
- Knowledge
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Vocabulary
- Verbal Analogies

WISC-V

- Verbal Comprehension: Vocabulary, Similarities, Information & Comprehension
- Fluid Reasoning: Figure Weights, Arithmetic

WJ-IV and Batería-IV (including Cross Battery)

- Comprehension Knowledge: Vocabulary & General Information
- Fluid Reasoning: Number Series & Concept Formation
- Auditory Processing: Phonological Processing

K-ABC-II

 Knowledge / GC: Riddles, Expressive Vocabulary, Verbal Knowledge

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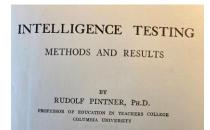
Army Testing (Yoakum & Yerkes, 1920) & Pintner (1923)

METHODS AND RESULTS

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Men who fail in alpha are sent to beta in order that injustice by reason of relative unfamiliarity with English may be avoided.

Men who fail in beta are referred for individual examination by means of what may appear to be the most suitable and altogether appropriate procedure among the varied methods available. This reference for careful individual examination is yet another attempt to avoid injustice either by reason of linguistic handicap or accidents incident to group examining.



test must be relatively new. — A good intelligence test must avoid as much as possible anything that is commonly learned by the subjects tested. In a broad sense this rests upon a differentiation between knowledge and intelligence. To use as a test of intelligence

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Measure Thinking not Knowledge

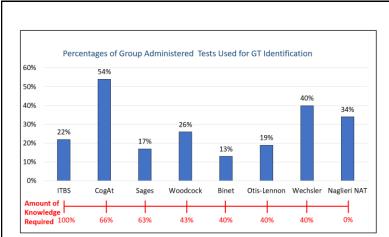
- What does the student have to know to complete a task?
 - This is dependent upon educational opportunity



How does the student have to think to complete a task?
 ■ This is dependent on the brain

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Thinking and Knowing Continuum

Race and ethnic differences on these ability tests...

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Test Directions ALSO Matter

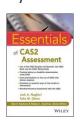
- California Achievement Test & Iowa Test of Basic Skills instructions include many basic concepts that students may not have mastered at the ages for which the tests were intended (Cummings & Nelson, 1980)
- Students' ability to recall directions presented orally was related to their working memory capacity. (Randall, Engle, Carullo, & Collins, 2015)
- CogAT nonverbal scale demands comprehension of verbal directions
 - The instructions for 5 and 6-year-olds contain approximately 400 words and many verbal concepts and complex verbal statements like: The small circle goes with the large circle in the same way that the small square goes with the large square.
- The inclusion of verbal concepts and strain on working memory are an obstacle for any student with limited verbal skills

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Race & IQ (Naglieri & Otero, 2017)

Even though these tests do not show psychometric bias (Worrell, 2019) they do yield large mean score differences by race



•	Traditional IQ tests					
	SB-IV (matched samples)	12.6				
	WISC-V (normative sample)	11.6				
	WISC-IV (normative sample)	11.5				
	WJ- III (normative sample)	10.9				
	WISC-IV (matched samples)	10.0				
	WISC-V (statistical controls normative sample)	8.7				
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Edwards & Oakland (2006); Wechsler Intelligence Scale for						
Children – IV (WISC-IV) from O'Donnell (2009), WISC-V from						
	Kaufman, Raiford & Coalson (2016).					
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Test Bias is present if there are group differences in ...

Researchers have defined psychometric bias using analysis of:

- internal consistency of items
- reliability of test/retest scores
- rank order of item difficulties
- > item intercorrelations
- factor structure of test or items
- magnitude of the factor loadings

- slope & intercept regression lines
- correlation of raw scores with age
- item characteristic curve
- frequencies of choice of error distracters
- interaction of test items by group membership

Crocker & Algina (1986). Introduction to Classical & Modern Test Theory (Hold, Rinehart & Winston) Nunnally & Bernstein (1994). Psychometric Theory (McGraw-Hill) Jensen (1980). Bias in Mental Testing (Free Press) Brody (1992). Intelligence (Academic Press)

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Opportunity to learn and Equity

- According to the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing (AERA, APA & NCME, 2014), if a person has had limited opportunities to learn the content in a test of intelligence, that test may be considered unfair because it penalizes students for not having learned the content
- ➤ Equitable assessment can be achieved if all examinees have equal opportunity to perform
- The Standards also remind us that even if the norming data do not demonstrate psychometric bias tests can still be considered unfair.



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NNAT's Small Race & Ethnic Differences

	N	Mean	Diff
White	2,306	99.3	
Black	2,306	95.1	4.2
White	1,176	101.4	
Hispanic	1,176	98.6	2.8
White	466	103.6	
Asian	446	103.0	0.3

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Comparison of White, African American, Hispanic, and Asian Children on the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test

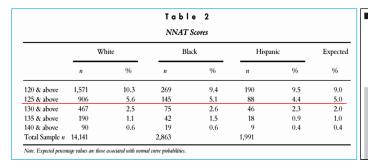
Jack A. Naglieri and Margaret E. Ronning Ohio State University

This study examined differences between 3 matched samples of White (n=2,306) and African American (n=2,306), White (n=1,706) and Hispanic (n=1,1706), and White (n=460) and Asian (n=460) and Asian (n=460) and Asian (n=460) and Indian on the Asian (asian (asian asian asian

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NNAT Identified Equal Percentages



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Very Similar percentages of Black, White and Hispanic students earned a standard score of 125 (95th percentile) or above

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Race & IQ

Taking the knowledge out of the ability test makes a difference

 K-ABC, KABC-2, CAS and CAS2 have the smallest
 differences

Mean Score Differences in Total scores by Race by Intelligence Test.							
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		K-ABC (matched samples)	6.1				
		KABC-2 (matched samples)	5.0				
		CAS-2 (normative sample)	6.3				
		CAS (statistical controls normative sample)	4.8				
		CAS-2 (statistical controls normative sample)	4.3				
		NNAT (matched samples)	4.2				

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Wechsler vs CAS for Students with ID

- White children earned the same mean scores on WISC-III and CAS
- ➤ Black children earned lower VIQ than PIQ scores due to language / achievement tasks → low Full Scale
- Black children earned higher scores on CAS than whites
- Fewer Black children would be identified as having intellectual disability based on Full Scale scores using CAS than WISC-III
- > THIS IS A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE.

American Journal on Mental Retardation, 2001, Vol. 106, No. 4, 359-367

Intellectual Classification of Black and White Children in Special Education Programs Using the WISC-III and the Cognitive Assessment System

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Ideas to Consider



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Wechsler (1939)

- ➤ Built his IQ test on the Army Alpha and Beta
- ➤ His definition of intelligence was "The aggregate or global capacity of the individual to act purposefully, to think rationally, and to deal effectively with his environment (1939)"
- but his test yielded a Verbal IQ and Performance IQ suggesting two types of intelligence

Wechsler & Spearman's g

of nonverbal assessment many paces forward. In addition, the emphasis in the WNV Manual that the Full Scale measures general ability nonverbally—and not nonverbal ability—is an important distinction that further ties the WNV to Dr. Wechsler. Although his intelligence tests in the 1930s and 1940s departed from the one-score Stanford-Binet by offering separate Verbal and Performance IQs as well as a profile of scaled scores, Dr. Wechsler remained a firm believer in Spearman's g theory throughout his lifetime. He believed that his Verbal and Performance Scales represented different ways to access g, but he never believed in nonverbal intelligence as being separate from g. Rather, he saw the Performance Scale as the most sensible way to measure the general intelligence of people with hearing impairments, language disorders, or limited proficiency in English. And that is precisely what the WNV is intended to do.

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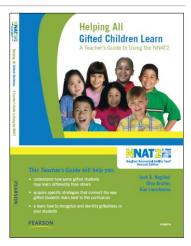


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General ability (Naglieri, Brulles & Lansdowne, 2009)

- General ability (i.e. 'g') is what allows us to solve many kinds of problems
- The problems may involve
 - reasoning, memory, sequencing, verbal and math skills, patterning, connecting ideas across content areas, insights, making connections, drawing inferences, analyzing simple and complex ideas.
- Verbal or Nonverbal describes the content of the test NOT a type of intelligence



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Structural validity of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children– Fifth Edition: Confirmatory factor analyses with the 16 primary and secondary subtests.

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Canivez, G. L., Watkins, M. W., & Dombrowski, S. C. (2017). Structural validity of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Fifth Edition: Confirmatory factor analyses with the 16 primary and secondary subtests. Psychological Assessment, 29(4), 458–472. https://doi.org/10.1037/pas0000358

The factor structure of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Fifth Edition (WISC-V; Wechsler, 2014a) standardization sample (N = 2,200) was examined using confirmatory factor analyses (CFA) with maximum likelihood estimation for all reported models from the WISC-V Technical and Interpretation Manual (Wechsler, 2014b), Additionally, alternative bifactor models were examined and variance estimates and model-based reliability estimates (ω coefficients) were provided. Results from analyses of the 16 primary and secondary WISC-V subtests found that all higher-order CFA models with 5 group factors (VC, VS, FR, WM, and PS) produced model specification errors where the Fluid Reasoning factor produced negative variance and were thus judged inadequate. Of the 16 models tested, the bifactor model containing 4 group factors (VC, PR, WM, and PS) produced the best fit. Results from analyses of the 10 primary WISC-V subtests also found the bifactor model with 4 group factors (VC, PR, WM, and PS) produced the best fit. Variance estimates from both 16 and 10 subtest based bifactor models found dominance of general intelligence (g) in accounting for subtest variance (except for PS subtests) and large ω-hierarchical coefficients supporting general intelligence interpretation. The small portions of variance uniquely captured by the 4 group factors and low ω -hierarchical subscale coefficients likely render the group factors of questionable interpretive value independent of g (except perhaps for PS). Present CFA results confirm the EFA results reported by Canivez, Watkins, and Dombrowski (2015); Dombro Canivez, Watkins, and Beaujean (2015); and Canivez, Dombrowski, and Watkins (2015). (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2019 APA, all rights reserved)

Support for 'g'

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Support for 'g': Research on CHC

- John Carroll's three-stratum theory ... is foundational to the contemporary practice of intellectual assessment.
- The results of this study indicate that most cognitive abilities specified in three-stratum theory have little-to-no interpretive relevance above and beyond that of general intelligence.
- Thus, it is likely best to focus score interpretations on measures of general intelligence when engaging in the practice of intellectual assessment.



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Measuring
Ability Equitably
Using Verbal,
Nonverbal and
Quantitative
Content



Dina Brulles, Kim Lansdowne and I have constructed three new tests that will be used for identification of gifted students

The focus of these tests is EQUITABLE ASSESSMENT of all students

The tests measure general ability using three types of content: Verbal (Naglieri & Brulles, 2021), Nonverbal (Naglieri, 2021) and Quantitative (Naglieri & Lansdowne, 2021)

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Naglieri General Ability Tests

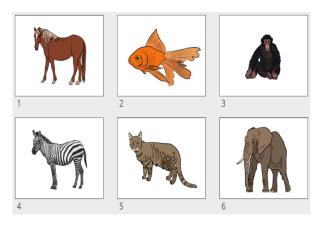


- The General Ability Tests are group or individually administered using online or paper formats ages 4 to 18 published by Multi-Health System.
- > Test items are presented using diagrams and pictures.
- The questions demand reasoning while requiring little to no academic content and can be solved regardless of the language(s) spoken by the student.
- Intended for identification of all students including those from diverse cultural, linguistic, or socioeconomic backgrounds, or those who have had limited educational experiences.



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Naglieri Ability Test - Verbal

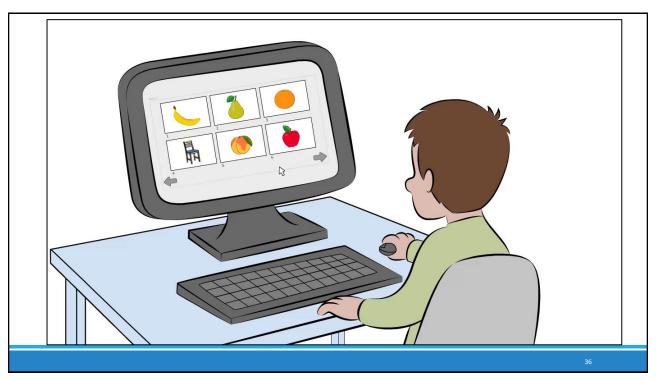


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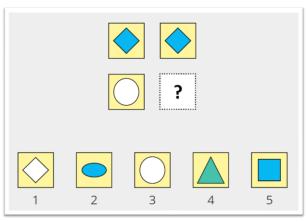
- Online and paper version
- Classroom and individual administration
- Animated instructional video
- Minimal verbal directions by administrator
- Interactive practice questions
- 3 different test forms:
 - Kindergarten Grade 2, Grade 3-6, Grade 7-12

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Naglieri Ability Test - Non-verbal



- Online and paper versions
- Group or individual administration
- Several NEW types of items have been developed
- Animated instructional video
- Interactive practice questions
- · Minimal verbal directions
- Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3/4, Grade 5/6, Grade 7-9, Grade 10-12

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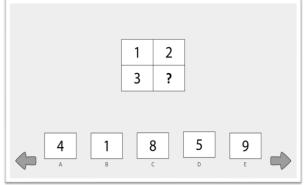


Naglieri Ability Test - Quantitative

- ➤ These items demand analysis of sequences of numbers or relationships among a group of numbers. For example, 1 is to 2 (a difference of 1) as 3 is to ... 4. Alternatively, the items can be solved by simply recognizing that the when analyzed vertically, 1 becomes 3, so 2 should become 4.
- These items test a person's ability to understand relationships and patterns involving numbers, just as understanding relationships among shapes in the NAT-Nonverbal or verbal categories in the NAT-Verbal.

Authors: Jack Naglieri & Kim Lansdowne

- Online and paper version
- Classroom and individual administration



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Verbal, Nonverbal Quantitative Results

VERBAL SAMPLE

2,482 That closely matches the US population on key demographics

GENDER

 No difference between males and females for raw score across all forms

RACE/ETHNICITY

 No differences among White, Black, & Hispanic for raw score across all forms

PARENTAL EDUCATION LEVEL

No differences among five education levels (No high school diploma; High School graduate; Some college/Associate's degree; Bachelor's degree; Graduate/professional degree) for raw score across all forms

NONVERBAL SAMPLE

3,630 That closely matches the US population on key demographics

GENDER

 No difference between males and females for raw score across all forms

RACE/ETHNICITY

 No differences among White, Black, & Hispanic for raw score across all forms

PARENTAL EDUCATION LEVEL

No differences among five education levels (No high school diploma; High School graduate; Some college/Associate's degree; Bachelor's degree; Graduate/professional degree) for raw score across all forms

QUANTITATIVE SAMPLE

2,841 That closely matches the US population on key demographics

GENDER

 No difference between males and females for raw score across all forms

RACE/ETHNICITY

 No differences among White, Black, & Hispanic for raw score across all forms

PARENTAL EDUCATION LEVEL

No differences among five education levels (No high school diploma; High School graduate; Some college/Associate's degree; Bachelor's degree; Graduate/professional degree) for raw score across all forms

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Gifted Identification

➤ WE CAN devise Verbal and Quantitative tests that can be solved regardless of the language a student speaks with nonverbal directions and no verbal expression required...AND add a Nonverbal tests to provide an equitable approach to assessment.

Naglieri General Ability Tests Release

- The three tests will be released in 2021 for application using local norms
- Data collection for generation of national reference group will resume as soon as it is possible
- We know we have highly reliable measures that work well across ages



Reliability Coefficients of Naglieri General Ability Tests (July 2020)

Quantitative	Kindergarten	.89
	Grade 1	.90
	Grade 2	.92
	Grades 3 and 4	.94
	Grades 5 and 6	.94
	Grades 7 - 9	.95
	Grade 10 - 12	.93
	Median	.93
Nonverbal	PreK	.92
	Kindergarten	.87
	Grade 1	.90
	Grade 2	.86
	Grades 3 and 4	.92
	Grades 5 and 6	.93
	Grades 7 - 9	.95
	Grade 10 - 12	.94
	Median	.92
Verbal	K - grade 2	.92
	Grades 3 - 6	.90
	Grades 7 - 12	.89
	Median	.90

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How to Equitably Identify Gifted

- Do universal screening with ability tests that do not require knowledge of English
- ➤ Use the Verbal, Nonverbal and Quantitative test scores to help ensure that every student had the opportunity to demonstrate their ability.
- ➤ Obtain scores for **ALL** students (not only referred students) in the grades for which the GT decisions is needed
- Use local norming procedure

Local Norming Procedure for V, NV, & Q

- Obtain scores for ALL students (not only referred students) in the grades for which the GT decisions is needed
- Decide how the information obtained for each student is to be evaluated (i.e., average, and or logic) and if it is to be weighted
- Rank order the students' raw scores on the V, NV & Q tests
 - Raw scores can be converted to percentile or standard scores as desired
- Determine a cut-score based on the number of students the GT program can accommodate
- > Evaluate the outcome

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Gifted Identification using Traditional IQ

➤ WE CAN devise Verbal and Quantitative tests that can be solved regardless of the language a student speaks with nonverbal directions and no verbal expression required...AND they provide an equitable approach to assessment.

